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FYI,

Under the Enviro/Chem/HAZMAT Sector, an article on Minnesota's Marsh Lake project.

Also under the Enviro/Chem/HAZMAT Sector, an article on a gold mine in Michigan about 28 miles southeast of Iron Mountain. There are significant Tribal concerns with this mine, which has the potential to impact wetlands in nearby Wisconsin.

Further under the Enviro/Chem/HAZMAT Sector, an article on concerns for a possible cancer cluster associated with the Butterworth Landfill site in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Finally, under the Water Sector, an article on Flint, Michigan.

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Infrastructure Sector

Rauner signs full state budget for the first time in his term ***(Chicago Tribune)***

Illinois. Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner on Monday signed into law a \$38.5 billion spending plan for state government, approving a full budget for the first time since he took office in 2015. Flanked by Republican and Democratic lawmakers, Rauner touted the legislation as the product of “a great team effort, a great bipartisan effort.” “Today we are having a small celebration,” the governor said at a signing ceremony at the Thompson Center in the Loop. “It is not perfect, but it’s a good step in the right direction.” The budget legislation was the result of rare bipartisan cooperation between the Democrats who control the General Assembly and Republican lawmakers allied with the governor.

Environmental/Chemical/HAZMAT Sector

Minnesota's Marsh Lake project getting back on track ***(Duluth News Tribune)***

Appleton, Minnesota. One of western Minnesota's largest ecosystem restoration projects is making "slow but steady progress," in the words of Walt Gessler, manager of the Lac qui Parle refuge with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the DNR are working to restore the ecological integrity of Marsh Lake, west of Appleton. The \$12.93 million project aims to clear the turbid and largely rough-fish-dominated waters of the 5,000-acre lake in the Upper Minnesota River Valley.

Controversial gold mine gets final approval from Michigan DEQ

(M Live)

Menominee County, Michigan. Michigan has given a Canadian mining company the final go-ahead to construct a controversial open pit mine next to a major river along the state's border with Wisconsin. On Monday, June 4, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality issued a conditional, final permit for the proposed Back Forty mine about 28 miles southeast of Iron Mountain. The permit allows Aquila Resources to construct its mining operation on a portion of wetlands so long as the Toronto-based company provides the DEQ with plans to model, monitor and prevent any potential damage.

Neighbors to Grand Rapids Superfund site start cancer investigation

(M Live)

Grand Rapids, Michigan. For Pamela Anderson, 56, growing up on Indiana Avenue in Grand Rapids meant the nearby 180-acre Butterworth dump was a place to find a free bike or party by the river. Now, the years she spent living next to the landfill -- classified as a Superfund site in 1992 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Association due to its severe contamination -- has Anderson and her former neighbors worried. Residents past and present are starting their own query into rates of cancer in the Indiana Avenue neighborhood between Butterworth and Wealthy on the city's West Side.

Water Sector

State puts Flint on notice for not fixing water system deficiencies

(M Live)

Flint, Michigan. The city has failed to fix water system problems identified by the state more than nine months ago and now must agree to a schedule for correcting them. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has told Mayor Karen Weaver that the city will receive a proposed administrative consent order in the next few days but did not spell out which of 15 previously identified trouble spots haven't been fixed. In August 2017, the DEQ notified the city of 15 recommendations for and deficiencies in the water system, including "significant deficiencies" in the water distribution system and its management and operations staff.

Public Health and Healthcare Sector

3 local cases of hepatitis A confirmed

(Portsmouth Daily Times)

Scioto County, Ohio. The first thing officials say is there is no reason to panic. And if you want to go out to eat, please, go ahead and go out to eat. However, Portsmouth city health officials said Monday there are now three confirmed cases of hepatitis A locally, two in the city and one outside the city limits in Scioto County. None of the cases involve any food worker, according to Belinda Leslie, spokesperson for the Portsmouth health department, as well as Molly Davis, an epidemiologist for Portsmouth and the county. The cases apparently cropped up over the weekend. On Friday, city officials said there were no cases of hepatitis A reported in either Portsmouth or Scioto County. Early Monday, a county official said there was one potential case outside of Portsmouth, but in Scioto County. By Monday afternoon, Davis was saying three local cases had been "laboratory confirmed."

Items of National Interest

Property losses mount on Hawaii's Big Island as lava flow spreads

(Reuters)

Hawaii. A river of lava spewing from the foot of Hawaii's Kilauea Volcano swallowed about three dozen more homes on the Big Island during a weekend of destruction that brought to nearly 120 the number of dwellings devoured since last month, officials said on Monday. Mounting property losses were reported a day after five or six people who initially chose to stay in the newly evacuated Kapoho area after road access was cut off were rescued by helicopter, according to the Hawaii County Civil Defense agency. All but a few of the estimated 500 inhabitants of Kapoho and adjacent Vacationland development are now believed to have fled their homes, an agency spokesman said.

Very Respectfully,

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